THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 28th March 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Report of the Congress Agrarian Reforms Committee.

* 110 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the report of the Congress Agrarian Reforms Committee and arrived at any decisions with regard to the recommendations contained therein and if so, which of the recommendations have been accepted and which have not been accepted;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action to implement the recommendations accepted by them; and if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered and prepared any Bill for fixing the optimum extent of land which a ryotwari landholder may have in the State of Madras?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government and a final decision has not yet been arrived at in the matter."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, why it is that there has been so much delay with regard to coming to a decision on this point when the Agrarian Reforms Committee Report has suggested 30 to 50 acres of dry land as the optimum which a landholder could possess? Why have not the Government put it into force or why is it that they have not come to any decision on this point in the course of these two or three years? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" Sir, I do not know where the hon. Member got this three years idea. The Land Revenue Reforms Committee which went into the recommendations of the Agrarian Reforms Committee has submitted its report. This Government wanted a comprehensive examination of the various reports that have been submitted to them and the Land Revenue Reforms Committee was appointed. This Committee has also examined this question. The entire question of land reforms in the State has been examined by the Land Revenue Reforms Committee and the whole question is under examination."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix I on pages 296-297 infra.**

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Have the Government considered, Sir, the question of the debts of the landless labourers? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would like to draw the hon. Member's attention to the Land Revenue Reforms Committee Report which has been circulated to hon. Members. As I have already said all aspects of the question are being examined."

The Krishna-Pennar Project.

* 111 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the original plan of the Krishna-Pennar Project was designed to be;

(*b*) whether it has undergone any change and if so, in what respects; and

(*c*) whether he will be pleased to furnish full particulars of all the plans so far available including the one which will submerge Kurnool town and the one recently sent to the Planning Commission with special reference to the nature of the dams to be constructed, the capacity of the reservoirs, the alignment of the canals, the districts benefited and the extent of such benefit, the area that will be submerged on account of the proposed reservoirs and such other particulars relating to the schemes?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Copies of a note and statement [a] giving particulars of the Krishna-Pennar Project as originally planned are placed on the table of the House. There was no plan for the Krishna-Pennar Project involving the submersion of Kurnool town. The original plan of the project drawn up was for the utilization of 825 T.M.Cft. of the Krishna waters. But since the Planning Commission allotted to Madras only 470 T.M.Cft. of the waters of the Krishna basin for new schemes of this State the Krishna-Pennar Project has been revised with reference to the availability of supply. Details of the revised project are given in the brochure on the project already laid on the table of the House.

The Krishna reservoir of the revised project would submerge 272 square miles or about 1·74 lakhs acres of territory, half in Kurnool district and half in Hyderabad State. Of the extent submersible in Madras State only 2,180 acres are wet land, 54,445 acres are dry land, and 400 acres garden lands. The number of villages which will be partly or fully submerged will be 38 in this State. The Pennar reservoir would submerge 200 square miles or 1·28 lakhs of acres of territory in Madras including only 12,400 acres wet, 52,000 acres dry, and 4,000 acres garden lands in Cuddapah district. It will submerge either fully or partly 117 villages in Cuddapah district."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 298–302 *infra*.